Shortage of hospitals in Delhi

1978. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether some of the hospitals have not been adhering to the percentage fixed for free treatment of people living Below Poverty Line in each hospital;

(c) whether a large number of people have to go to private hospitals due to shortage of beds in Government hospitals;

(d) whether people from outside are finding it more difficult to get the treatment in Government hospitals; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posting of doctors in villages

†1979. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villages are in dire need of doctors;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any special scheme to depute doctors in villages; and

(c) if so, the details of the said scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In an estimated 22842 Primary Health Centres and 3043 Community Health Centres functioning in the country, 29,848 doctors are working. However, a large number of doctors are also reported to be working in rural areas in the private sector.

(b) and (c) Primary Health Care comes under the purview of the State Government. Accordingly, State Governments are responsible for ensuring the availability of doctors in all Health facilities. However, in

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order to enhance access to services of Gynaecologists and Anaesthetists under the Family Welfare Programme, a scheme has been formulated under which State Governments are permitted to hire the services of Anaesthetists private doctors for an amount of Rs. 1000 per case. A similar proposal to engage Gynaecologists on contract basis is under process.

Malnutrition among children

†1980. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children in the country are not being properly reared;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take concrete steps to save children from malnutrition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) As per the National Family Health Survey-2 (1998-99) about 47 per cent of children under three years of age are underweight. The Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is under implementation to provide supplementary nutrition to young children. Exclusive Breastfeeding upto six months of age and promotion of appropriate complementary feeding practices is being undertaken. Programmes for prophylaxis against iron deficiency anaemia and Vitamin A deficiency are under implementation.

PHCs and CHCs functioning in the country

1981. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of primary health centres, sub-centres and community health centres functioning at present in the country alongwith availability of doctors, nurses and hospital beds, particularly in the Metropolitan cities, State-wise/Metropolitan city-wise; and

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